

REMARKS

By the paper mailed February 12, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged applicants election without Traverse of Species 1, Figure 1 and Species A, Figure 2, claims 1, 6, 10, 12 and 13 in Paper No, 6.

By this amendment claims 2-5, 7-9, 11 and 14-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. 112 second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. By this amendment, claims 12 and 13 have been amended and, as amended, are believed fully in compliance with 35 U. S. C. 112.

Applicant's Attorney wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for his kind assistance in pointing out the deficiencies in claims 12 and 13.

Claims 1, 10 12 and 13 were rejected under the judicially created Doctrine Of Obviousness Double Patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 16 of U. S. Patent No. 6,196, 356. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.21(c).

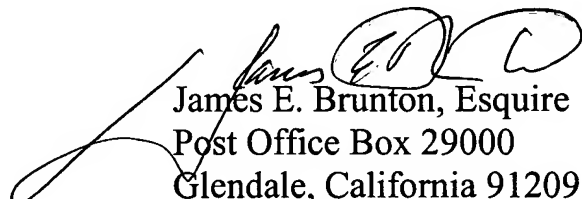
Claim 1 has been cancelled. In light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, claims 10, 12 and 13 as amended are believed in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U. S. C.(b) as being anticipated by Garrido et al. 4, 977,983. By this amendment claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled.

In light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, claim 10 as originally filed is believed to be in condition for allowance. Similarly, claims 12 and 13 as amended are believed to be condition for allowance.

The application as amended in now believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

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